



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 12 | 25th November 2022

Thank you to Year 4 for their fantastic assembly all about the Romans. We were so impressed by their acting and singing but also the confidence with which they approached the assembly and all the information they had learnt. I know that the children enjoyed this topic so much that when I did a recent pupil survey, the number one request was for more history lessons! It was wonderful that so many parents were able to join us to celebrate their children's learning and huge thank you to Mrs Derby and the Year 4 team for their hard work and well done to the children!

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 30th November – Boys' Football Tournament

Thursday 1st December – Advent Liturgies, in school

Thursday 1st December – Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights

Friday 2nd December – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 8th December – Nativity Play

Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Movie nights

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December - Class Christmas parties in school

Thursday 15th December – Carol Service Years 3-6, 7pm

Friday 16th December – Last day of term – School closes 1pm

Parish Big Brunch

I huge thank you to Amy, Lucy and Meredith for working with Father Adrian to organize the brilliant "Big Brunch" on Sunday. It was a joy to see so many parents, parishioners and staff give their time and energy to this fantastic fundraiser and for us all to have the opportunity to spend some time together as well as raise money for such a good cause.

I am delighted to say that an AMAZING £1600 was raised that will go towards providing screening between the school and the cemetery. If you were unable to attend but would still like to contribute you can donate, including Gift Aid where possible via this link:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/0d894f95-a502-418f-a98b-07a2dc349c74>

admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk | 0208 876 6679 | <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/>

The Year of Global Citizens – "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

Also, don't forget that you can buy your Christmas tree from the church on the day of the Christmas Fair 9am-1pm. More information is on the attached flyer for a great way to get ready for Christmas and help our parish family.

National Competition Winner

Evie-Rose Beglane in Year 4 was the winner of our school competition to design a sticker to accompany Preet Chandi on her ground-breaking solo expedition across Antarctica via the South Pole. Not only was Evie's design stunning, but she also wrote so eloquently about why Preet inspires her to believe in herself and push boundaries. So we were not surprised, but we were delighted, to find out the Evie's design had been selected by Preet and is currently accompanying her on her expedition. You can see the design and follow Preet's progress at her website <https://polarpreet.com/>. Well Done Evie!

Year 3 Trip to Fulham Palace

This week Year 3 visited Fulham Palace to enrich their learning about the Stone Age. The children particularly enjoyed handling artefacts from the Stone Age which really brought their learning to life. Thank you to Mrs Black, Mrs Gordon, Ms Haughton and Mrs Hopkins for organizing the trip and to the parent helpers whose support made the visit possible.



Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum

On Wednesday, our Year 5 pupils visited the Science Museum to learn more about Earth and Space. The children had a fantastic and informative visit and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mrs Delap and Mrs O'Boyle and to our parent volunteers Rowena Manuel, Tara Tusiime, Chris Whitmore and Lucy Bowden. They were all exceptional and brilliant with the children!

Advent

This weekend will mark the start of the Advent season. It is such an exciting time as we prepare to celebrate Christmas but it can also be incredibly busy and stressful. I wanted to share with you some resources that you might like to use with your children to allow you to have some peaceful and prayerful time together as a family. A range of resources including prayers and calendars can be found on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Advent-family-prayer-ideas>

In school we will also be thinking about our calendars of kindness throughout the advent season and you can find out more about this on the British Red Cross website <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/the-snowman-and-snowdog-kindness-calendar>

Nativity (Reception – Year 2) and Carol Service (Years 3-6)

We are looking forward to you joining us for our Nativity Play and Carol Service. The Nativity will be led by Year 2 and will include the children in Reception and Year 1. It will be in the school hall on Thursday 8th December at 10am. If you wish to attend with younger siblings we ask you to come to the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 6th December at 10am. Our carol service will be led by Year 4 and will include our Year 3, 5 and 6 children. The service takes place at the church at 7pm on Thursday 15th December. We ask that the Year 4 children come to school for 6pm and all the other children arrive by 6.30pm so that the service can start promptly. Both of these events are a wonderful way for us to celebrate this special season together as a community and I look forward to seeing you there.

Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising

Whilst we are aware that you have many requests for help and support Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising provide two easy ways to raise money for our PTA when shopping/ booking online. There is no extra cost to you and they are quick to set-up and easy to use.

- Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> (or download the app), register your details and select 'St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School, Mortlake' as your cause.
- Visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and log in using usual details (or activate Amazon Smile within the app). Search for 'St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School, Mortlake' and choose it as your organisation. (Only needs to be done once).

Please spread the word!

Messages from the PTA

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those who donated today, your support is very much appreciated and we hope your children enjoy decorating their Christmas Baubles. Baubles are to be returned by *Wednesday 30th November* for each teacher to choose a winner in their class with a little Christmassy prize. Please ensure the baubles are well labelled with name and class. They will then be displayed in the school and the children will be able to take them home at the end of the term.

Next Friday 2nd December will be the last Mufti Day before the Christmas Fair on 3rd December. Children are invited to wear Christmas Fancy Dress in exchange for donation of Home Baking. Parents are able to make monetary donations for all Mufti Days in advance on SCOPay <https://www.scopay.com/login> or at the school gates on the morning of Mufti Days

Raffle tickets

Raffle for our grand raffle at the Christmas fair have been sent home in book bags this week. We would be very grateful if you would consider buying these tickets or selling on to your friends, family, neighbours. If you would like any more tickets, please ask the school office and if you are unable to use the full book, please return to school so we can resell

With many thanks to the businesses and parents who have donated, we have some great prizes including:
*£100 voucher Waitrose *£100 voucher The Ivy *£50 voucher Cote *£50 voucher Hare and Hounds *£50 voucher The Crossing *£100 voucher Petite Performers *4 tickets to the OSO Pantomime, Cinderella *One-month swimming lessons at Sports Generation *Free spring term of football classes at Kids works *Family mini-golf and many more prizes

The raffle tickets cost £1 per ticket. Please return the stubs with money in an envelope to the school office by Wednesday 30 November. The raffle will be drawn as part of the school fair on Saturday 3rd December.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The PTA (Alison, Astrid, Badral, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Gabi)

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Alesia Bajrami
Year 1 Australia – Noah Wilkes
Year 2 Africa – Elina Whitmore
Year 3 North America – The Whole Class
Year 4 South America – The Whole Class
Year 5 Europe – Eva Hughes
Year 6 Asia – Emilia Newbold

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Luke Booth for marvelous mathematics
Mathias for fantastic phonics
Penelope for her outstanding achievements in dance

Have a wonderful weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher